

MINUTES
MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 15, 2015

The Mount Vernon City Council met June 15, 2015 at the Mount Vernon City Hall Council chambers with the following members present: Roudabush, Taylor, Thompson, Niemi and Hampton.

1. Call to Order. At 6:28 p.m. Mayor James Moore called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Agenda. Mayor Moore announced the changes to the agenda: agenda item #19 will be deleted. Agenda item #18 will become #16 with Old (#17) and New Business (#18) to follow. Motion to approve the amended agenda made by Hampton, seconded by Niemi. Carried all.
3. Consent Agenda. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Niemi, seconded by Hampton. Carried all.
 - a. Approval of minutes of June 1, 2015.
 - b. Claims for approval.

A-1 RENTAL WEST	GRINDER-RUT	150.00
ACTERRA	DECALS/ICAP RECOMMENDED-RUT	51.60
AIRGAS INC	CYLINDER RENTAL FEE-PW	25.95
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-FD	249.46
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	79.94
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	22.97
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-WAT	2,516.17
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-POOL	758.04
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&A	711.26
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-P&REC	384.26
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-RUT	332.78
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-PD	92.69
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-ST LIGHTS	62.54
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-KMVL	43.21
ALLIANT IES UTILITIES	ENERGY USAGE-SEW	26.61
ANDERSON BOGERT ENGINEERS	HWY 1 & 1ST ST TRAFFIC LIGHTS	26,407.08
AUTO WORX	VEHICLE REPAIRS,TOOLS-PD	250.93
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-PD,P&A	75.00
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	SWIM TEAM-POOL	592.00
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	UNIFORMS-WAT,SEW	153.00
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-PD,P&A	75.00
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	52.50
BRADY LANHAM, MA	LIGHTS-POOL	2,108.05
BRIMEYER FURSMAN, LLC	EXECUTIVE SEARCH-P&A	3,600.00
BSN SPORTS COLLEGIATE PACIFIC	SWINGS,BLAST BALL,BATS-P&REC	388.35
BURROUGHS, RICHARD	CEMETERY MAINT	3,725.00
BUSER, ROBERT M	COMPUTER PARTS-EMA	36.05
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	CHALK LINE-RUT	62.93
CAREPRO PHARMACY	SUPPLIES-P&REC	60.26
CARQUEST OF LISBON	VEHICLE MAINT-ALL DEPTS	355.49

CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-PD	35.74
COMPASS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	UTILITY BILLS-WAT,SEW	767.96
CY'S TREE SERVICE	VETS MEMORIAL-ASH TREE REMOVAL	1,960.00
CY'S TREE SERVICE	3 REMOVALS/MEMORIAL PARK	1,730.00
CY'S TREE SERVICE	HILLTOP DRIVE	65.00
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY	IRS FORM 720-P&A	41.60
DEWELL, MARSHA	MILEAGE-P&A	16.68
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES	DRIVE SHAFT/'98 TRUCK	1,226.25
DIESEL TURBO SERVICES	SKID LOADER ATTACHMENT FITTING	269.49
FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS	SIREN UPGRADES-EMA	13,895.00
FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS	ENCODER CONTROL STATION-EMA	2,200.00
FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS	2 DRIVERS-EMA	2,050.00
GARY'S FOODS	CONC STAND-POOL	493.25
GARY'S FOODS	SUPPLIES-PD,P&REC	112.98
GFWC/MV-LISBON WOMENS CLUB	PLANTS-CEM	91.49
GOODLOVE, NATHAN	FIRE CHIEF PAY-FD	416.67
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY CORP	EXTINGUISHER MAINT-ALL DEPTS	628.15
IACMA	MEMBERSHIP-ALL DEPTS	150.00
IACMA	MEMBERSHIP-P&A	150.00
IMWCA	WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE	61,400.68
IOWA COMMUNITIES ASSURANCE POOL	VEHICLES/BLDG POLICY	70,037.80
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES-WAT,SEW	69.30
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	DBR BACKUP-ALL DEPTS	330.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	COMPUTER MAINT-POOL,P&A	172.50
KIEFER & ASSOCIATES	WHISTLES-POOL	118.06
KIEFER & ASSOCIATES	CLOCK-POOL	343.14
KONE INC	ELEVATOR MAINT CONTRACT-P&A	160.53
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE PLAN/COPIES-ALL DEPTS	548.82
KOSS INTERNATINAL CORP	CTW CHALK-P&REC	2,137.00
KROUL FARM GARDENS	HANGING BASKETS-BEAUT	1,227.65
KROUL FARM GARDENS	MULCH-BEAUT	180.00
LANGES SINCLAIR SERVICE	TOW,BALANCE TIRES-PD	97.50
LANGES SINCLAIR SERVICE	FUEL-FD	81.63
LINN COUNTY PLANNING/DEV	BLDG PERMIT FEES/INSPECTIONS	2,236.00
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC	QRTLY AIR TEST-FD	60.00
MOUNT VERNON ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	2,446.43
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	CTW ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	577.50
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	570.00
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	CTW ADS/PUBLICATIONS-P&REC	802.50
MOUNT VERNON LISBON SUN	SUBSCRIPTION-P&A	60.00
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	LOST III TRANSFER	41,748.99
MOUNT VERNON, CITY OF	FUEL-FD	201.42
PAYROLL	CLAIMS	54,431.88
PHELANS	EXTENSION-WAT,SEW	1,084.80
PHELANS	PIGEON HOLE CABINETS-P&A	964.65
POOL TECH INC	CHEMICALS-POOL	378.50
POOL TECH INC	SUPPLIES-POOL	106.50
POOL TECH INC	ROPE HOOK-POOL	94.29
POOL TECH INC	O-RINGS-POOL	15.90
SAM'S CLUB #8162	SUPPLIES/CONC STAND-POOL	452.83
SCHIMBERG COMPANY	WWTP REPAIRS-SEW	351.72

SCHIMBERG COMPANY	POOL REPAIRS-POOL	237.46
SIDERS, MATT	MILEAGE-P&REC	69.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	SUPPLIES-P&A,POOL	238.12
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	TESTING-SEW	1,806.00
THOMAS PUMP COMPANY	PUMP-POOL BOND	5,144.00
TRAYER, DEAN	KMVL RENT	250.00
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TRUENORTH COMPANIES	EMPLOYEE THEFT/FORGERY POLICY	567.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	TRAINING-P&A	218.75
ULTRAMAX AMMUNITION	TRAINING-PD	1,125.00
WALKER AG EQUIPMENT	GRAVELY MOWER REPAIRS-RUT	2,563.63
WEX BANK	FUEL-PD,PW	1,462.18
WEX BANK	FUEL-PW	745.92
TOTAL		328,217.46

c. Approval of cigarette permit renewal for Guppy's on The Go.

4. Open forum: each citizen limited to 5 minutes per discussion item.
5. Third and final reading of Ordinance #5-18-2015A: An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa and entitled "RAGBRAI-MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS". Motion to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #5-18-2015A made by Hampton, seconded by Niemi. Roll call vote. Motion carries 5-0.
6. Police Report. There were seven crashes in the month of May. The Police responded to several vehicle and residential burglaries in the Oak Ridge, Hillview Drive area. Suspects have been identified and some property recovered. Officers conducted 20 hours of GTSB enforcement. Meetings continue in preparation of Ragbrai. The Department conducted annual firearms training/qualifications.
7. Parks and Recreation Director Report. Summer staff are working on painting dugouts, repairing ball fields, mulching and cleaning storage sheds and concession stands. P&Rec Director Siders thanked the 120 United Methodist Church volunteers throughout town who helped with small tasks and projects. There are 220 kids registered in the various summer sports/activities offered through P&Rec. The first week of the pool opening was delayed due to the cold weather. A new pump was installed and is running well. Archery Camp was a success with the maximum 40 participants enrolled. At the May 19th P&Rec Board meeting tobacco free parks was discussed. Another discussion will be at the June 16th meeting.
8. Mayoral recommendation and possible Council approval to fill vacancy of unexpired term on Historic Preservation Commission. Mayor Moore said that more applications have been received but the application from Mary Evans, resident of Mount Vernon, would be his recommendation. Niemi explained that the reason the MVHPC recommended Brook (Bergantzel) was because she was able to do some archival work and website development. Niemi continued saying he

believes the MVHPC know what resources they need and Council should respect their recommendation. He asked that Brook be considered for the position. Taylor agreed with Niemi. Roudabush said that when you fill a commission the applicant should live within the City limits and agreed with Mayor Moore that Mary Evans should fill the vacancy. Motion to approve Brook Bergantzel to fill the MVHPC vacancy, seconded by Hampton. Motion carried 4-1. Roudabush voting against.

9. Discussion and possible action on Resolution #6-15-2015A: A Resolution Directing the Acceptance of a Proposal to Purchase \$375,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2015. Larry Burger, Speer Financial, explained the results from the \$375,000.00, ten year capital loan note sale. Three bids were received, one from each of the local banks. Hills Bank submitted the low bid with a true interest rate of 2.0494%. The total amount of interest that will be paid is \$42,837.00. A discount of .8% was offered although typically banks do not take the discount/commission. All three banks bid at 100%; they did not take the commission as offered in the document. This is a callable note with a thirty day notice which means that it can be paid off at any time. The annual payment will be between \$40-\$42,000.00 per year. It was recommended that the City sell \$375,000.00 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2015 to the Hills Bank and Trust Company. Motion to accept the recommendation and approve Resolution #6-15-2015A made by Roudabush, seconded by Niemi. Roll call vote. The motion carried 5-0.
10. Discussion and possible action on setting bid date and public hearing date for the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost with the intent of holding public hearing on July 6th and receiving bids for reconstruction of the Prairie Park Water Treatment Plant on July 15th. Beimer explained some money has been set aside for this project, about \$225K in the Water Safety Depreciation account. The project is estimated to cost about \$600,000.00. In addition to the yearly 3% increase (July 1, 2015) water rates will need to increase approximately 4-5% depending on the true cost of the project. This project will be paid for with user fees. Niemi made a motion to set the public hearing for July 6th, 2015, seconded by Hampton. Carried all.
11. Discussion and possible action on setting bid date and public hearing date for the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost with the intent of holding public hearing on July 6th and receiving bids for 3rd Avenue and 5th Avenue Reconstruction Project on July 15th. Niemi asked if there were catch basins on these streets and if not should there be. Schechinger said there are not catch basins going down the hill but at the bottom there is a storm sewer system with catch basins on it. This project started out as an overlay project but the cost of some of the requirements has continued to grow. Putting in storm sewer for this length and tying it into each intersection would add a considerable amount to the cost of the project and require reconstruction of the street so it is not included. Schechinger said it was his understanding that the scope of this project on the lower end of the street is not to reconstruct the streets and address the street sewer issues at this time but to give a new surface because of the deteriorated state. Mayor Moore added that there wouldn't be anything to connect them to if they were added. Schechinger said he would like to find out how the system operates, gather and confirm

information before they do too much storm sewer work. Mayor Moore suggested only completing the project down to Third Street. This would take care of the worst part of the street but not affect any future storm sewer repairs. Beimer suggested the documents be put together in such a way that two separate sections could be bid out. He continued saying it doesn't make any sense to overlay the streets where there are storm sewer issues only to tear it out later. There are no known storm sewer issues regarding 5th Avenue. When asked about the scope of the projects Schechinger said that 5th Avenue is a total reconstruction; new water main and new storm sewer from 1st to 3rd Street. Beimer asked that the numbers (project costs) be separated for 3rd Street; the overlay portion and the storm sewer costs. Taylor asked if the City would put in a permeable service on 5th in order to alleviate some of the storm water issues to which Schechinger said the permeable paver system doesn't work very well on a steep slope; the cost would be considerable for minimal results. Taylor said that she would be interested in the costs. Niemi said he does not have enough information to make a motion on 3rd Avenue but it makes sense to him to only do a partial overlay. He would like to see what the costs will be. Niemi motioned to table any action on 3rd and 5th, seconded by Thompson. Carried all.

12. Engineering Update Report. Dave Schechinger with V & K Engineering provided Council with an update on current projects. 3rd & 5th Ave Reconstruction: Schechinger referred to Agenda item #11 where 3rd and 5th were discussed. Lisbon Road Overlay: L.L. Pelling began work on June 8th and completed an asphalt overlay and pavement markings on June 10th. City crews removed debris and trees in the right-of-way. Sewer Rehab/Replacement: the 4th Street SE sewer project has been completed. The Shepley line work continues. The contractor will be working to connect service lines and install the manholes at 2nd Street NE and at the east/west alley at the south end of the project. Street replacement should begin the week of June 15th. Prairie Park Water Plant: Plans and specs are being finalized for replacement of the filter unit at the plant. The schedule is to receive bids in July. Construction will probably not start until the new filter unit is fabricated and ready to ship. Due to fabrication time and procedural delays the completion date will be set for early spring of 2016. Palisade Road Geotechnical Services: Terracon completed the soil borings on Friday, May 29th and should have a report for review soon. Wagon Pass: An inspection was conducted. Council will be discussing during Agenda item #18.
13. Discussion and possible action regarding citywide program of repairing deficiencies in sidewalks. There has not been any work done on this project for a few years. Council agreed that this is something they would like to see started again. Schechinger will discuss with former city engineer Dan Boggs.
14. Discussion on the reallocation of LOST I and LOST III funds previously voted on for construction of a new Community Wellness Center. Mayor Moore stated that this is a conversation for Council only. Niemi said that he would like to make a clarification; there have been two stories in the local paper that have said that they are taking money away from the wellness center fund to build a police station. Niemi said this is not correct; they are two separate issues.

Comments from Taylor: she too, is concerned about misinformation. Council had a work session last August whereas the Ballard King Study was discussed. In attendance was Jonathon Brand (Cornell College) and Gary O'Malley (MV Schools). At that meeting Bill (Niemi) gave his point of view on his understanding of the report. Niemi's point of view on his reading and understanding of it has become the defacto interpretation of the report and that isn't accurate. She said there is no single way to read the document; it is one to interpret. In the council minutes and in The Sun what people are getting and hearing in the community, rather than reading the document for themselves, is that one view and it is not necessarily an accurate view. She thinks the original committee needs to reconvene because Council has never heard their final analysis. Another point of inaccuracy was that at the August work session O'Malley and Brand said they were interested in the idea of the community center, specifically a pool, however they have nothing from the City to bring to their boards and until they receive something to give them they will not act on anything – neither one said they were not interested. She encouraged all residents to read the study so they may form their own point of view. At the last meeting Scott Peterson brought up the fact that the Council needs to look at some of the other plans that have been in place before making any determination about how to change the allocations of LOST funding. With the election this year there may be new council members, mayor and city administrator. Taylor said she doesn't think it's a good idea to let one council make a lot of these decisions; that opportunity should be given to some "fresh minds" and they shouldn't change something that people have voted twice for. Another reason for keeping the community center funds is that often matching funds are needed to receive grant money. Without it this will not be possible. Concluding she said these were her opinions and she thinks it's way too early and too soon to consider this. She would like to table it.

Mayor Moore said it was very clear that the superintendent of the school didn't want anything to do with this project for at least five years and the college didn't want anything to do with it for seven years because of their science center project.

Comments from Niemi: The question has been asked why vote on this now. His answer to that was the LOST votes were taken out of sequence; people didn't have a clear picture of what was being proposed or what the financial picture was before the BK report. It says in the report that in order for the City and anyone who partners with the City to have a pool another budget item will have to be added to cover the \$310-\$477,000.00. per year. This project is a discretionary project; it cannot be proven that the people of Mount Vernon cannot live without an indoor pool. Since this is discretionary money and we now know more details of what the project entails this is an opportunity for people to sound off on it. In order for the money to be reallocated 60% of people have to vote for it. Council doesn't really know how much public support there is for this.

Taylor stated that the people have voted for this twice to which Roudabush disagreed saying four items were voted on (LOST III), not just a wellness center. When he saw 55% (on the ballot) was going towards infrastructure it was "a done deal" for him and that's why he wants the people to vote for this one item, a wellness center, voting yes or no, then it will be settled. Continuing Roudabush said the people should decide what to do with this money, not council or the people who did a study. When Hampton asked why the vote had to be done right now Roudabush replied if not now then it could be like the roundabout; the longer time goes the more studies are

done, more money put into it and pretty soon the project can't be "killed" because of the significant amount of money that has already been spent on it. Niemi said that one of the things that has come up was that this project was meant to be phased in but the BK has zero information in it about the financials on a phased in approach. The study does not have an answer to questions such as what will the facility cost, where will it be located, or what will the annual budget be? Taylor said that whether or not the City can afford this today or tomorrow is another matter but it doesn't mean that they shouldn't let the money accrue.

15. Discussion and possible action on setting a time and date for a town hall meeting to discuss (in depth) the reallocation of funds voted on for the construction of a new Community Wellness Center; also, possible setting of a time and date for a public hearing for said same. Taylor said it's too soon to have a town hall meeting; people haven't had the opportunity to hear from those who worked on the Comprehensive Plan. Niemi made a motion to hold a town hall meeting on July 13, 2015, 6:30 p.m., seconded by Roudabush. Motion carries 3-2. Taylor and Hampton voting against. Niemi made a motion to hold a public hearing on August 3, 2015, seconded by Roudabush. Motion carries 3-2. Taylor and Hampton voting against.
16. Old Business. Niemi suggested that a discussion be included on the next agenda regarding the creation of a storm water runoff task force.
17. New Business. Taylor suggested that an advisory commission be formed to look over new projects/developments and make green suggestions. Beimer said that Dr. Fursman will be at the July 6th meeting with a draft of the results of their city administrator search document.
18. Discussion of engineering report on the City's easement on Mt. Vernon Road and the underpass west of the railroad bridge. Possible action to be taken based on engineer's recommendations. Dave Schechinger, V & K Engineering, said that an inspection has been done on the underpass to determine if there are any structural issues. A significant amount of deterioration was identified. Based on that a load rating was calculated and should be posted. The signs have been ordered and if the City has the authority to do so it is recommended that they ban access on the underside because of loose and falling concrete. A meeting with the property owners was conducted and it was recognized by all that the pass could not remain in the condition that it is. Presently another access is being explored and eventually closing off the existing wagon pass. At this point it is recommended that the City posts load limit signs and do annual inspections. Roudabush said he is very concerned about kids using it and would like to see it filled in. Hatala said it's not the City's property and in order for someone to get to the pass they would have to trespass on the Bower's property. Hampton made a motion to post load limits signs, do annual inspections of the wagon pass and start the process of procuring preliminary costs for filling in the wagon pass, seconded by Niemi. Motion carried 5-0.
19. Discussion of the City's easement on Mt. Vernon Road and the underpass west of the railroad bridge. Possible close session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(c) to allow Council to discuss

strategy with counsel where litigation is imminent and disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Deleted.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:04 p.m., June 15, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ripke
City Clerk

Reviewed and approved,
Michael R. Beimer
City Administrator